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ABSTRACT

It is shown that a square band matrix  $H = (h_{ij})$  with  $h_{ij} = 0$  for  $j - i > r$  and  $i - j > s$ , where  $r + s$  is less than the order of the matrix, has a Toeplitz inverse if and only if it has a special structure characterized by two polynomials of degrees  $r$  and  $s$ , respectively.

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## SIGNIFICANCE AND EXPLANATION

A band matrix is one whose nonzero elements are confined to a diagonal band. A Toeplitz matrix is one in which all the diagonal elements are equal, and all the elements along each diagonal line parallel to the main diagonal are equal. Both band matrices and Toeplitz matrices arise frequently in numerical analysis. Band matrices having inverses that are Toeplitz matrices have been encountered in prediction of stationary time series and in smoothing of equally spaced observational data by moving weighted averages. It is shown in this report that a band matrix having a Toeplitz inverse, for which the band contains the main diagonal and the band width does not exceed the order of the matrix, must have a special structure that is described in detail.

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# BAND MATRICES WITH TOEPLITZ INVERSES

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1. Introduction. A Toeplitz matrix is a square matrix in which all the elements on any stripe are equal, where we follow Thrall and Tornheim [4] in defining a stripe as either the main diagonal or any diagonal line of elements parallel to it. More precisely,  $T = (t_{ij})_{i,j=0}^m$  is Toeplitz if there is a sequence  $\{\phi_v\}_{v=-m}^m$  such that  $t_{ij} = \phi_{j-i}$  for  $0 \leq i, j \leq m$ . We shall call a square matrix  $H = (h_{ij})_{i,j=0}^m$  a band matrix if there are nonnegative integers  $r$  and  $s$  less than the order of the matrix such that  $h_{ij} = 0$  for  $j - i > r$  and for  $i - j > s$ . We shall call such a matrix strictly banded if  $r + s \leq m$ . In this paper we show that a strictly banded matrix has a Toeplitz inverse if and only if it has a special structure characterized by two polynomials of degrees  $r$  and  $s$ , respectively.

Strictly banded matrices with Toeplitz inverses have been encountered by Trench [6] in the study of stationary time series and by Greville [2] in extending moving-weighted-average smoothing to the extremities of the data.

2. The main theorem. We shall prove the following:

Theorem 1. Let

$$H = (h_{ij})_{i,j=0}^m$$

be a matrix of order  $m + 1$  over a field  $F$ , and suppose

$$(2.1) \quad h_{ij} = 0 \quad \text{if } j - i > r \quad \text{or} \quad i - j > s,$$

where

$$(2.2) \quad r \geq 0, \quad s \geq 0, \quad \text{and} \quad r + s \leq m.$$

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Then  $H$  is the inverse of a Toeplitz matrix if and only if

$$(2.3) \quad \sum_{j=0}^m h_{ij} x^j = \begin{cases} x^i A(x) \sum_{\mu=0}^i b_{\mu} x^{-\mu}, & 0 \leq i \leq s-1, \\ x^i A(x) B(1/x), & s \leq i \leq m-r, \\ x^i B(1/x) \sum_{v=0}^{m-i} a_v x^v, & m-r+1 \leq i \leq m, \end{cases}$$

where  $a_0 b_0 \neq 0$ ,

$$(2.4) \quad A(x) = \sum_{v=0}^r a_v x^v, \quad B(x) = \sum_{\mu=0}^s b_{\mu} x^{\mu},$$

and  $A(x)$  and  $x^s B(1/x)$  are relatively prime.

3. Preliminary Observations and Results. A Toeplitz matrix is clearly persymmetric<sup>1</sup> (i.e., symmetric about its secondary diagonal), and it is well known that the inverse of a persymmetric matrix is persymmetric. Careful examination of  $H$  as defined by (2.3) reveals that it is also persymmetric; in fact, it is quasi-Toeplitz, in that  $h_{ij}$  is a function of  $j-i$  alone except for those elements in the  $s \times r$  submatrix in the upper left corner of  $H$  and the  $r \times s$  submatrix in the lower right corner. That is, if we define  $\theta_{-s}, \theta_{-s+1}, \dots, \theta_r$  by

$$A(x) B(1/x) = \sum_{v=-s}^r \theta_v x^v,$$

then  $h_{ij} = \theta_{j-i}$  except in these two corner submatrices.

The proof of the necessity part of Theorem 1 rests on the following lemma, which follows trivially from the last four equations of [5].

Lemma 1 (Trench). If  $H = (h_{ij})_{i,j=0}^m$  is the inverse of a Toeplitz matrix and  $h_{00} \neq 0$ , then the elements  $h_{ij}$  ( $1 \leq i, j \leq m$ ) are determined in

<sup>1</sup>The term "persymmetric" is used in this sense by Wise [7], Trench [5], Huang and Cline [3], and others. Aitken [1] uses it to mean a Hankel matrix (i.e.,  $t_{ij} = \phi_{i+j}$ ).

terms of  $h_{i0}$  ( $0 \leq i \leq m$ ) and  $h_{0j}$  ( $0 \leq j \leq m$ ) by the recursion formula<sup>2</sup>

$$(3.1) \quad h_{ij} = h_{i-1,j-1} + \frac{1}{h_{00}} (h_{i0} h_{0j} - h_{m-j+1,0} h_{0,m-i+1}), \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq m.$$

It is also useful for the necessity proof to note that if  $H$  satisfies

$$(2.3) \text{ and } H_i(x) = \sum_{j=0}^m h_{ij} x^j, \text{ then, by inspection,}$$

$$H_0(x) = b_0 A(x),$$

$$H_i(x) = xH_{i-1}(x) + b_i A(x), \quad 1 \leq i \leq s,$$

$$H_i(x) = xH_{i-1}(x), \quad s+1 \leq i \leq m-r,$$

$$H_i(x) = xH_{i-1}(x) - a_{m-i+1} x^{m+1} B(1/x), \quad m-r+1 \leq i \leq m.$$

This means that

$$(3.2) \quad h_{ij} = \begin{cases} h_{i-1,j-1} + a_j b_i, & 1 \leq i \leq s, \\ h_{i-1,j-1}, & s+1 \leq i \leq m-r, \\ h_{i-1,j-1} - a_{m-i+1} b_{m-j+1}, & m-r+1 \leq i \leq m, \end{cases}$$

where  $1 \leq j \leq m$ . Conversely, if

$$(3.3) \quad h_{i0} = a_0 b_i \quad (0 \leq i \leq s), \quad h_{0j} = b_0 a_j \quad (0 \leq j \leq r),$$

$$(3.4) \quad h_{i0} = 0 \quad (i > s), \quad h_{0j} = 0 \quad (j > r),$$

and  $h_{ij}$  ( $1 \leq i, j \leq m$ ) are computed from (3.2), then  $H$  will be of the form (2.3).

The proof of the sufficiency part of Theorem 1 rests on the following improved version of a result of Huang and Cline [3].

**Lemma 2** (Huang and Cline). A nonsingular persymmetric matrix

$$H = (h_{ij})_{i,j=0}^m \text{ with } h_{00} \neq 0, \text{ partitioned as}$$

<sup>2</sup> Though this formula was known long before the publication of [3], it can also be derived from Lemma 2 below by invoking the persymmetry of both  $H$  and  $P$  as defined there.



$$(3.5) \quad H = \begin{bmatrix} h_{00} & f^T \\ g & H_m \end{bmatrix}$$

has a Toeplitz inverse if and only if the matrix

$$(3.6) \quad P = H_m - h_{00}^{-1} g f^T$$

is persymmetric.

Proof. Partition  $H^{-1}$  as

$$H^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} t_{00} & u^T \\ v & T_m \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $t_{00}$  is a scalar. Since  $HH^{-1} = I_{m+1}$ , it is easy to verify that

$PT_m = I_m$  under the hypotheses stated here. If  $H^{-1}$  is Toeplitz then so is  $T_m$ , and consequently  $P = T_m^{-1}$  is persymmetric. Conversely, if  $P$  is persymmetric, then  $T_m = P^{-1}$  is also. Since  $H^{-1}$  is persymmetric, Lemma 1 of Huang and Cline [3] implies that  $H^{-1}$  is Toeplitz.

In their statement of Lemma 2, Huang and Cline assumed that  $H_m$  is nonsingular. This is unnecessary.

4. Proof of Theorem 1. We begin the proof of Theorem 1 with the following lemma.

Lemma 3. Suppose  $H = (h_{ij})_{i,j=0}^m$  is of the form (2.3), with  $a_0 b_0 \neq 0$ . Then  $H$  is nonsingular if and only if  $A(x)$  and  $x^S B(1/x)$  are relatively prime.

Proof. We assume without loss of generality that  $a_r b_s \neq 0$ . For sufficiency, we will show that if  $A(x)$  and  $x^S B(1/x)$  are relatively prime and

$$(4.1) \quad \sum_{i=0}^m c_i H_i(x) \equiv 0,$$

then

$$(4.2) \quad c_i = 0, \quad 0 \leq i \leq m;$$

this implies that the rows of  $H$  are linearly independent, and so  $H$  is non-singular. From (2.3) and elementary manipulations, we can rewrite (4.1) as

$$(4.3) \quad A(x)P(x) + A(x)x^s B(1/x)Q(x) + x^{m-r+1} B(1/x)R(x) \equiv 0,$$

where

$$(4.4) \quad P(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} c_i \beta_i(x),$$

$$(4.5) \quad Q(x) = \sum_{i=s}^{m-r} c_i x^{i-s},$$

and

$$(4.6) \quad R(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} c_{i+m-r+1} \alpha_i(x),$$

with

$$(4.7) \quad \beta_i(x) = \sum_{j=0}^i b_{i-j} x^j$$

and

$$(4.8) \quad \alpha_i(x) = \sum_{j=i}^{r-1} a_{j-i} x^j.$$

Now suppose  $A(x)$  and  $x^s B(1/x)$  are relatively prime. Then, since  $m - r + 1 > s$  by (2.2), and  $A(x)$  and  $x^s B(1/x)$  are not identically zero because  $a_0 b_0 \neq 0$ , (4.3) implies that  $A(x)$  divides  $R(x)$  and  $x^s B(1/x)$  divides  $P(x)$ . Therefore  $R(x) \equiv 0$  and  $P(x) \equiv 0$  because  $\deg P(x) < \deg x^s B(1/x)$  and  $\deg R(x) < \deg A(x)$ .

Since  $b_0 \neq 0$ , it follows from (4.7) that the polynomials  $\beta_i(x)$  for  $0 \leq i \leq s-1$  are linearly independent, and so (4.4) and  $P(x) \equiv 0$  give  $c_i = 0$  for  $0 \leq i \leq s-1$ . Similarly, since  $a_0 \neq 0$ , the polynomials  $\alpha_i(x)$  for  $0 \leq i \leq r-1$  are linearly independent by (4.8), and (4.6) and  $R(x) \equiv 0$  give  $c_i = 0$  for  $m-r+1 \leq i \leq m$ .

Finally, replacing  $P(x)$  and  $R(x)$  by zero in (4.3) gives  $Q(x) \equiv 0$ , and so, by (4.5),  $c_i = 0$  for  $s \leq i \leq m-r$ , and (4.2) is established.

The converse is equivalent to the assertion that  $H$  is singular if  $A(x)$  and  $x^s B(1/x)$  are not relatively prime. If  $A(x)$  and  $x^s B(1/x)$  have a

nonconstant common factor, then they have a common zero  $\xi$  in some extension field  $\tilde{F}$  of  $F$ . From (2.3),

$$\sum_{j=0}^m h_{ij} \xi^j = 0, \quad 0 \leq i \leq m,$$

which implies that the columns of  $H$  are linearly dependent over  $\tilde{F}$ , and so  $H$  is singular as a matrix over  $\tilde{F}$ . Since nonsingularity of a matrix is invariant under field extension,  $H$  is singular over any field containing its coefficients, and so over  $F$ .

Proof of Theorem 1. For necessity, we assume that (2.1) and (2.2) hold and that  $H = T^{-1}$ , where  $T = (\phi_{j-i})_{i,j=0}^m$ . We first show that  $h_{00} \neq 0$ . Since  $HT = TH = I_{m+1}$ , we have

$$(4.9) \quad \sum_{v=0}^r h_{0v} \phi_{j-v} = \delta_{0j}, \quad 0 \leq j \leq m$$

and

$$(4.10) \quad \sum_{\mu=0}^s h_{\mu 0} \phi_{j+\mu} = \delta_{0j}, \quad -m \leq j \leq 0,$$

where  $\delta_{0j}$  is a Kronecker symbol. Let  $p$  be the smallest integer such that  $h_{0p} \neq 0$ , and consider the quantity

$$(4.11) \quad \Lambda = \sum_{v=0}^r h_{0v} \sum_{\mu=0}^s h_{\mu 0} \phi_{p+\mu-v}.$$

Since  $h_{0v}$  vanishes for  $v < p$  and (4.10) applies for  $v \geq p$ , (4.11) reduces to

$$\Lambda = h_{0p}.$$

On the other hand, reversing the order of summation in (4.11) gives

$$\Lambda = \sum_{\mu=0}^s h_{\mu 0} \sum_{v=0}^r h_{0v} \phi_{p+\mu-v},$$

which by (4.9) reduces to  $h_{0p}$  if  $p = 0$ , and vanishes if  $p > 0$ . Thus there is a contradiction unless  $p = 0$ , and consequently  $h_{00} \neq 0$ .

Now choose  $a_0$  and  $b_0$  so that  $a_0 b_0 = h_{00}$ , and define  $a_1, \dots, a_r$  and  $b_1, \dots, b_s$  to satisfy (3.3). By substituting (3.3) and (3.4) into (3.1),

it is easy to verify that the latter reduces in this case to (3.2). Thus, the elements of  $H$  are determined by  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_r$  and  $b_0, b_1, \dots, b_s$  in the same way as are the elements of a matrix of the form (2.3). Consequently,  $H$  is of the form (2.3), with  $A(x)$  and  $B(x)$  as in (2.4). Since  $H$  is nonsingular,  $A(x)$  and  $x^s B(1/x)$  are relatively prime, by Lemma 3. This proves necessity.

For sufficiency, let  $H$  be defined by (2.3) and (2.4) with  $a_0 b_0 \neq 0$  and  $A(x)$  and  $x^s B(1/x)$  relatively prime, and let (2.1) and (2.2) hold. Then  $H$  is persymmetric, and, by Lemma 3, nonsingular. Let  $P = (p_{ij})_{i,j=1}^m$  be the matrix in (3.6), and note that the numbering of the rows and columns starts with one rather than zero. In this case  $f$  and  $g$  in (3.5) are given by

$$f^T = (b_0 a_1, \dots, b_0 a_r, 0, \dots, 0) \text{ and } g^T = (a_0 b_1, \dots, a_0 b_s, 0, \dots, 0),$$

so

$$p_{ij} = h_{ij} - b_i a_j = h_{i-1, j-1}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq s, \quad 1 \leq j \leq r$$

(see (3.2)), and

$$p_{ij} = h_{ij} \quad \text{if } i > s \text{ or } j > r.$$

The last two equations imply that  $P$  is the analog of  $H$  with the same polynomials  $A(x)$  and  $B(x)$ , but with  $m$  decreased by one. Hence  $P$  is persymmetric. Therefore  $H^{-1}$  is Toeplitz, by Lemma 2.

5. Computation of  $H^{-1}$ . We close by showing how to find  $H^{-1}$  if  $H$  satisfies (2.3), where  $a_0 b_0 \neq 0$  and  $A(x)$  and  $x^s B(1/x)$  are relatively prime, so that  $H^{-1} = T = (\phi_{j-i})_{i,j=0}^m$  is a Toeplitz matrix. If  $r = s = 0$ , then  $H$  is diagonal and the inversion is trivial. If  $s > 0$  and  $r = 0$ , then  $H$  and  $H^{-1}$  are lower triangular, so  $\phi_j = 0$  if  $j > 0$ , and by looking at the first column of  $TH = I_{m+1}$ , we see that

$$\phi_0 = (a_0 b_0)^{-1}$$



and

$$\phi_{-j} = -b_0^{-1} \sum_{\mu=1}^s b_{\mu} \phi_{-j+\mu}, \quad j \geq 1.$$

A similar argument disposes of the case where  $r > 0$  and  $s = 0$ . Now suppose  $r \geq 1$ ,  $s \geq 1$ , and  $a_r b_s \neq 0$ . By looking at the first row of  $HT = I_{m+1}$  and the first column of  $TH = I_{m+1}$ , we see that

$$(5.1) \quad \sum_{v=0}^r a_v \phi_{j-v} = b_0^{-1} \delta_{j0}, \quad 0 \leq j \leq m,$$

and

$$(5.2) \quad \sum_{\mu=0}^s b_{\mu} \phi_{-j+\mu} = a_0^{-1} \delta_{j0}, \quad 0 \leq j \leq m.$$

In particular, (5.1) and (5.2) imply that the vector

$$\phi = [\phi_{s-1}, \phi_{s-2}, \dots, \phi_{-r}]^T$$

satisfies the system

$$(5.3) \quad \begin{cases} \sum_{v=0}^r a_v \phi_{j-v} = b_0^{-1} \delta_{j0}, & 0 \leq j \leq s-1, \\ \sum_{\mu=0}^s b_{\mu} \phi_{-j+\mu} = 0, & 1 \leq j \leq r. \end{cases}$$

Therefore, if this system has only one solution, we can obtain  $\phi$  by solving it, and then compute the remaining elements of  $\phi_m, \phi_{m-1}, \dots, \phi_{-m}$  from (5.2) and (5.3); thus

$$\phi_j = -a_0^{-1} \sum_{v=1}^r a_v \phi_{j-v}, \quad s \leq j \leq m,$$

and

$$\phi_{-j} = -b_0^{-1} \sum_{\mu=1}^s b_{\mu} \phi_{-j+\mu}, \quad r < j \leq m.$$

If  $K = (k_{ij})_{i,j=1}^{r+s}$  denotes the matrix of coefficients of the system

(5.3), and

$$K_i(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{r+s} k_{ij} x^{j-1}$$

is the generating function of the elements of the  $i$ th row, then



$$(5.4) \quad K_i(x) = \begin{cases} x^{i-1} A(x) , & 1 \leq i \leq s , \\ x^{i-1} B(1/x) & s < i \leq r + s . \end{cases}$$

We shall show that  $K$  is nonsingular, which implies that (5.3) has a unique solution. If  $K$  were singular, then some nontrivial linear combination of its rows would equal the zero vector; thus, from (5.4) there would be constants  $p_0, p_1, \dots, p_{s-1}$  and  $q_0, q_1, \dots, q_{r-1}$ , not all zero, such that

$$(5.5) \quad A(x) \sum_{v=0}^{s-1} p_v x^v + x^s B(1/x) \sum_{\mu=0}^{r-1} q_\mu x^\mu \equiv 0 .$$

But  $A(x)$  and  $x^s B(1/x)$  are relatively prime, so (5.5) implies that  $A(x)$  divides  $\sum_{\mu=0}^{r-1} q_\mu x^\mu$ . Hence  $q_0 = q_1 = \dots = q_{r-1} = 0$ , since  $\deg A(x) = r$ .

This and (5.5) imply that  $p_0 = p_1 = \dots = p_{s-1} = 0$ , a contradiction. Hence (5.3) has a unique solution.

A similar argument shows that, alternatively,

$$\phi' = [\phi_s, \phi_{s-1}, \dots, \phi_{-r+1}]^T$$

can be found by solving the system obtained by replacing the limits on  $j$  in (5.3) by  $1 \leq j \leq s$  and  $0 \leq j \leq r-1$ , respectively.

It is now clear that the elements of  $H^{-1}$  do not depend on  $m$ , in that with  $A(x)$  and  $B(x)$  given, increasing  $m$  merely enlarges the sequence  $\{\phi_v\}$  without changing the elements already determined. Thus, corresponding to every pair of polynomials  $A(x)$  and  $B(x)$  of degree  $r$  and  $s$ , respectively, with  $a_0 b_0 \neq 0$ , such that  $A(x)$  and  $x^s B(1/x)$  are relatively prime, there is an infinite family of band matrices of the form (2.3) of all orders greater than or equal to  $r + s$ , all having Toeplitz inverses with elements taken from the sequence  $\{\phi_v\}_{v=-\infty}^{\infty}$  that is the unique solution of (5.1) and (5.2).

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